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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
IN EQUIPPING UNEF CONTINGENT

REFS: A. STATE 220403 B. JAKARTA 13046 C. JAKARTA 13003

1. PRESS REPORTS NOVEMBER 9 THAT INDONESIAN CONTINGENT TO
UNEF EXPECTS TO DEPART SURABAYA NOVEMBER 12 FOR MIDEAST.
NO MENTION IS MADE OF MEANS OF TRANSPORT AND COL. DAMANIK
TELLS US UN HAS NOT YET INFORMED GOI OF ARRANGEMENTS
(THIS TENDS TO CONFIRM COMMENT REF A THAT UN IS NOT AS
FAR ALONG IN PLANNING AS IS INDONESIAN ARMY).

2. DAY FOLLOWING SUTOPO JUWONO'S REQUEST TO ME (REF C)

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INDONESIANS ASKED AUSTRALIA FOR ASSISTANCE IN EQUIPPING

UNEF CONTINGENT. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY INFORMED US EARLY
NOEMBER 9 THAT CANBERRA HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE CERTAIN
ITEMS SUCH AS TRUCKS, TRAILERS AND CLOTHING ITEMS, AND,
IF US UNABLE, RADIOS ALSO.

3. BASED ON DLG INQUIRIES INDONESIANS HAVE INDICATED
THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT 3.5 ROCKET LAUNCHERS, AMMO AND
FIELD WIRE (REF C).

4. DAMANIK HAS POSED TWO QUESTIONS TO CANADIAN EMBASSY
HERE: A) WHO WILL AIRLIFT INDONESIAN CONTINGENT TO

MIDEAST, OR ARE INDONESIANS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE OWN
TRANSPORT, AND B) WHAT EQUIPMENT SHOULD INDONESIAN
CONTINGENT CARRY WITH IT. CANADIAN EMBASSY HAS
QUERIED OTTAWA ON ABOVE AND HAS ALSO ASKED TO WHOM
GOI SHOULD ADDRESS ITSELF ON UNEF MATTERS. OTTAWA HAS
NOT YET REPLIED.

5. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: WE HAVE NOT YET
RESPONDED TO GOI REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE MADE BY

SUTOPO JUWONO, ONE OF PRESIDENT SUHARTOS CLOSEST
ADVISORS (EF C). AUSTRALIANS, WHO WERE ASKED AFTER
US, HAVE ALREADY INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO BE OF SOME
HELP. (REF A, WHICH ADVISES US TO RESPOND NEGATIVELY
TO SUBSEQUENT SUPPLEMENTARY REQUEST MADE AT WORKING
LEVEL DOES NOT DEAL WITH MAJOR QUESTIONS RAISED BY
SUTOPO.) WE ENJOY EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIP WITH SENIOR
LEVELS OF GOI AND WE SHOULD GIVE THEM THE COURTESY OF A
PROMPT REPLY REGARDING THIS MATTER. I URGE THAT I BE
TOLD ON PRIORITY BASIS HOW I MAY RESPOND TO SUTOPO, AND
HOPE THAT THE REPLY WILL BE AT LEAST PARTIALLY POSITIVE

(E.G., RADIOS). FUNDING, OF COURSE, CONTINUES TO CAUSE
INDONESIANS SPECIAL CONCERN.
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